

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Worksheet Instructions

STEP 1. Insert the current amount of child support/spousal maintenance according to the child support order or divorcee decree. Include any previous adjustments or increases that may have been calculated.

STEP 2. Enter the current year Consumer Price Index (CPI) figure and the month and year you are using. CPI figures are available in the [CPI-West Urban Consumers calculator](#).

STEP 3. Enter the previous year CPI (or since the last change) figure and the month and year you are using.

STEP 4. Subtract the number in Step 3 from the number in Step 2.

STEP 5. Divide the number you got in Step 4 by the number on the line in Step 3. This will give you the CPI adjustment. The number will have a decimal in front of it. You need to fill in only the first three numbers after the decimal point (for example .08632 can be written as .086).

STEP 6. Multiply the number in Step 5 by the number in Step 1. This will give you the **dollar increase** to the child support or spousal support.

STEP 7. Add the number in Step 6 to the number in Step 1. **This will give you the total amount of the new child support/spousal support, including the adjustment.**

IN THE LAST LINE insert the amount from line 7, the date when the new child support amount will take effect and how often this child support amount will accrue (weekly, monthly, etc.).

NOTE: You will need to calculate child support and spousal support separately.

When the CPI Form is complete, adjust the current support accrual to the calculated amount beginning the effective month. Print a copy of the CPI form and file it in the case file.